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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non Provisional) which was mailed by the Office on October 18, 2001, and in response to the Notice to file Missing Parts which was mailed on May 22, 2001, enclosed is:

(X) 15 Sheets of Substitute Drawings.

Time Extension Fee:

()	one month	($55 small entity)
()	two months	($200 small entity)
(X)	three months	($460 small entity)

(X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

(X) A Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply.

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

(X) A check in the amount of $265 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (One month extension fee of $195 was already paid with Response to Missing Parts Notice which was filed on August 29, 2001.)

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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/31/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 05/22/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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